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## PRESS RELEASE

### **U.S. donation sets stage for multi-ethnic “virtual” classroom**

#### **Surround sound, video conferencing and production equipment donated to South East European University**

A professional Multimedia Laboratory is now open at South East European University in Tetovo, thanks to the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), part of the U.S. Mission to Macedonia.

With the implementation of Angle Course Management Software and the ability to develop and offer more interactive courses utilizing the Multimedia lab, USAID will now assist with setting up a virtual classroom in either Gostivar or Skopje, making it easier for students to participate in courses from remote locations.

“USAID supports efforts to help Macedonia take advantage of the digital revolution,” said Dick Goldman, USAID Mission Director in Macedonia. “The academic community, the government and the private sector of Macedonia are all involved in this movement.”

Besides making virtual classrooms possible, the laboratory is equipped to facilitate team work on projects from the domain of multimedia technologies, and is aimed to serve the academic staff and students in SEEU's Communication Sciences and Technologies (CST) department in developing research and practical application projects.

With the new Multimedia Laboratory, SEEU students taking advanced courses in multimedia systems will be able to have more direct hands-on experience in creating, manipulating and producing materials in a variety of current media.

The laboratory is equipped with two powerful servers, several workstations, specialized equipment for audio and surround sound using a 5.1 system, as well as professional video and photo cameras. Licensed specialized software is installed for multimedia data processing, and a unit for multiple CD/DVD production is available for the final production phase.

The space is equipped with videoconferencing equipment, allowing SEEU to reach beyond the campus and engage in collaborative work, specific topics seminars, training, and production with businesses and organizations in local communities.

#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested more than \$400 million in Macedonia since 1993. More than 30 projects worth \$35 million a year are currently being implemented. These projects are designed to support Macedonia's transition to a free market-based, multi-ethnic democracy. They include initiatives to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and educate citizens for a modern economy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit [www.USAID.org.mk](http://www.USAID.org.mk).

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